

Town of Maynard
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
Wednesday, September 16, 2009– Room 101, Town Hall

Chair Doug Moore called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Members present: Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, clerk; Peg Brown, Treasurer; Mike Chambers, vice Chair;
Robert Horn; Dave Hull; Rick Lefferts; Doug Moore, Chair; Bob Moore

Members absent: Mike Bingley

Others in attendance:

MINUTES from the 8/12/2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

• STATUS OF 2008 ATM PROJECTS

HR002-08 -- Veteran's Memorial – Dave Hull will contact Jesse Floyd of the Beacon about an article on the project with pictures of Stewart Campbell and others.
Final expenditure was \$14,500 which was less than the amount approved.
The unexpended funds remain in the Historic Preservation bucket.

• STATUS OF 2009 ATM PROJECTS – amount – contact person

OS003-09 – Open Space Plan Update – \$3,500 -- Doug Moore

HR005-09 – Rock Wall Preservation – \$40,000-- Dave Hull

We want to be sure that if there are any over-runs, the CPA is not responsible.

HR006-09 – Glenwood Cemetery GPR Survey -- \$3,000 – Peg Brown

Robert Perry of Topographix, Inc. came to scan the area of the cemetery on Wed. Sept.2. He was very interested in the project because of the nature of epidemic, etc. and came back several additional days to do more detailed work. There may be approximately 75 burials in the scanned site. Cobblestones will be buried in the center of each burial to mark them.

HR010-09 – Historic Artifact Cataloging -- \$12,500 – Rick Lefferts

No report on progress

MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN – September 29, 2009 8pm

At this meeting the CPC will give a brief review of what has been accomplished during the past year and also discuss the concerns about financial issues and cost over-runs not approved by the CPC. Doug Moore will prepare talking points.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING – September 29, 2009

There will be a legislative hearing about SB90 at the State House. Doug and Jane will attend.

• PROPOSALS FOR NEXT GRANT CYCLE --- 2010 ATM (possibly 2009 STM)

A total of 10 applications were submitted with total requested amounts exceeding \$570,000.

OS006-10 – Conservation Fund Support -- \$10,000 -- Doug Moore

This has been an annual support request from the Conservation Commission.

It is eligible for funding and has been approved in past years.

OS007-10 – Cutting Property Acquisition -- \$100,000 -- Doug Moore

This proposal from the BOS raised questions about whether this was the actual price of the property or whether the idea was to reserve moneys for some possible sale in the future. Jane will look into whether it makes a difference which category the funds fall under with respect to spending additional CPA Funds to develop the land for recreation in the future.

HR011-10 – Glenwood Cemetery Fence -- \$160,000 – Peg Brown

Since the Glenwood Cemetery is on the National Register of Historic Places, replacing and/or restoring the fence would be an eligible use of CPA Funds. There was a question as to whether the \$25,000 appropriated at the 1995 ATM was included in the cost estimate.

HR012-10 – Veteran’s Park Memorial Update -- \$80,000 – Mike Chambers

The project would update the Memorial in Veteran’s Park to include the names of Maynard residents who have served in more recent wars/military actions.

HR013-10 – Town Hall Historic Restoration -- \$5,500 – Rick Lefferts

The project would restore/repair the Town Hall Cupola and Weather Vane and also the front door and entrance. The question was raised as to whether this is eligible for CPA Funds if the Town Hall has not been declared a “historic building” by the Maynard Historical Commission.

HR014-10 – Waltham Bridge Lighting -- \$25,000 – Bob Horn

This proposal was also submitted last year by the BOS. At that time, it was deemed to not be eligible for CPA Funding. However, if the BOS wants to do some research into previous lighting on the bridge and make a case for this project at historic restoration, the CPC will review the matter further.

HR015-10 – Reconstruction of Florida St. Bridge -- \$80,000(one year bond payment) – Mike Bingley

There was considerable discussion about the difference between “old” and “historic”. The bridge has not been categorized as “historical” by the Maynard Historic Comm. thus there is a considerable question about it’s eligibility for CPA Funds. There was also a question about whether additional funds would be requested in the future to cover the entire cost of the repair.

REC011-10 – Assabet Rail Trail – UNKNOWN AMOUNT -- Bob Moore

Carolyn Britt attended the previous CPC meeting to explain the possible need for having this proposal on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting this fall. There are several issues still to be clarified before the CPC can give its support to this proposal. Carolyn will be asked to attend the Sept. 23 meeting to further discuss the proposal. Final wording and amounts for the STM Warrant will be needed by Sept. 29.

REC012-10 – Parker St. Walkway Construction – \$50,000 -- Bob Moore

This proposal was also submitted last year by the BOS. At that time, it was deemed to not be a high priority use of CPA Funds. The CPC will be willing to receive additional information on the proposal.

REC013-10 – Green Space Construction -- \$60,000 – Mike Chambers

Also submitted by the BOS, this project would beautify and enhance the greenspace between Green Meadow School and Crowe Park. Eligibility is a question since this this land was not purchased with CPA Funds. Pending legislation may change this

requirement in the future.

TIME LINE

- CPA Contact persons will request that proponents attend a CPC meeting (Sept.23 – Carolyn Britt) (Oct. 14 -- Cathy O'Dea, Dave Griffin, Dave Gavin) to further discuss their proposals. The contact person will also convey some of the questions and concerns which the CPC members had about their proposals so that they can be prepared to address these issues. At these meetings, the CPC would give some indication about its support of proposal so that the proponents could decide whether to proceed with a Final Application.
- Oct. 28 -- Annual Public Hearing. – Legal notice in Beacon at least two weeks prior.
- Nov. 2 -- Full Final Applications due
- Nov. 18 – CPC begins review of Final Applications
- Dec. 9 -- CPC draws up a list of questions on the final applications so that the proponents respond to them during the January review prior to the final vote of the CPC on whether to present the proposals for funding at the ATM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, Clerk

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009 7:00pm Rm. 101 Town Hall. (Somebody will need to take the minutes.)

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009 7:00pm Rm. 101 Town Hall.